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CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

There will be no Crestview Neighborhood Association meeting in December. Happy Holidays and we'll see you in January!

Saturday, December 9: Dia's Market Holiday Festival, noon to 6:00 PM at 812 Justin Ln. Music, food, and holiday spirits. Neighborhood musicians and bands from Lamar and McCallum.

Monday, December 11: Walk with a Doc in Brentwood Park, 9:30 AM. See the article for details.

Friday, December 22 through Monday, December 25: Arroyo Seco Luminarias, Candles lit nightly along Arroyo Seco from Koenig Ln. to W. St. Johns Ave.

CodeNEXT Petition Drive Update

Thanks to all of the Crestview residents that completed the petition form in the November newsletter that, if successful, will put CodeNEXT up for a public vote.

There's still time to submit your petition form if you haven't already! And if you need a form to complete and mail in, they can be found at www.letusvoteaustin.org

Thank you! Chip Harris

Announcements

Alice Bridges, longtime Crestview resident and CNA member since 1984, passed away on November 14. Our condolences to her family and many friends. She will be sorely missed.

Jesse "Jack" McCrady passed away on November 6. One of the original members of the CNA in 1982, Jack wore many hats and helped create the strong association that we now enjoy. Thank you Jack for all of your contributions and the stability you provided to our community.

Ryan Tract Opportunities

by Council Member Leslie Pool

Last month, I joined Crestview residents and staff from the city's Office of Real Estate for a meeting on the future of the Austin Energy property in Crestview.

Austin Energy has used the site, which is located at the corner of Ryan Dr. and Justin Ln., for a number of purposes over the years, including for reclamation operations and as storage. Today, however, it no longer makes sense for Austin Energy to operate on this site. Instead, I believe that we should be looking for ways to turn this site into one that offers real community benefits.

As with any major project, there are a number of opportunities and challenges we face when thinking through the future of this property. Our professional Office of Real Estate staff helped lay out some of these for discussion at the meeting. For instance, the land use plan covering the site calls for many opportunities, such as park space, affordable housing, connectivity, and a mixed-use project. Other potential benefits could include creative space and a transit plaza that provides access to the train.

One of the major challenges is the size of the property. The site is roughly 5.5 acres, which may make it difficult to accommodate many different types of uses. Because of this key constraint, it was important to me that we seek community input. My goal is to work on a resolution that provides the Office of Real Estate with guidance on how to move forward with this process – and community input is crucial to helping me do that.

I hope to craft a resolution that offers real community benefits and ultimately has the support of my colleagues on the City Council. While this site is in District 7, every member of the City Council has a vote on how to use this property and will help plan its future.

Fortunately, we received a lot of really good input at the community meeting, during which residents discussed their desire for robust park space and amenities, deeply affordable units, a diverse housing mix, space for our creative community, a connection across the train tracks, green infrastructure, and much, much more. My staff is currently summarizing and analyzing this input and will be producing a full report on this initial input. I am also continuing to work on the mobility aspects of this project, which many residents said were important to them.

I appreciate the feedback we have received to date on this project and am hopeful we can keep working together to transform this industrial space into one that benefits the community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my staff with any further feedback at District7@AustinTexas.gov.

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Walk with a Doc

This free event at Brentwood Park that is being provided by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department will be especially interesting to seniors. Dr Melissa Cady D.O., author of Paindemic, will be speaking and then leading a walk around the park. After the walk, there will be snacks (fruit, granola bars and water). In addition, there will be giveaways (T-shirts, hats, pedometers, stress balls) for participants who complete an evaluation after the walk.

Monday, December 11

6710 Arroyo Seco (at the covered park gazebo just west of Arroyo Seco - with parking along Arroyo Seco)

9:30 AM – Short talk: 3 Myths About Pain by Melissa Cady

9:35 AM – Walk the trail around the park and health discussion

10:00 AM – Snacks, water and giveaways

Melissa Cady, D.O. is an osteopathic physician trained extensively in the traditional medical field. She is currently board-certified in anesthesiology and also in pain medicine through the American Board of Anesthesiology.

Known as the Challenge Doctor, Dr. Cady chose not to join the typical pain practice out of conviction that there is a better way to address pain's root cause with better education being a critical component. Her hope is that people in pain will better understand why certain options may better address the root cause of their pain and only use more risky interventions as a bridge or a last resort for extreme symptoms that may hinder their progress.

By minimizing or avoiding chronic masking of pain with drugs and other interventions, Dr. Cady challenges people to improve their function and decrease suffering with more conservative measures so that they can live a life with less pain and more joy. For more information, visit austintexas.gov/healthpromotions or call 512-974-3907.

Vegetation at Intersections

Recently, CNA received a note from a resident wishing to express their thanks to all of the folks who live on a corner lot and maintain the plants and bushes near the intersection in such a way that allows cars and pedestrians to easily see what's coming. And if you've fallen behind on your trimming, please take a few minutes to clip your plants and ensure the safety of your neighbors. Thank you!

CNA Membership Renewal

Thank you to all of the folks who supported the work of the Crestview Neighborhood Association through their memberships this past year. Membership dues are $10 per household per year on a calendar year basis with renewals due in January. Please renew your membership at this time by using the form below or by visiting www.crestviewna.com and paying through PayPal. You can also use the form to become a new CNA member. Thank you!

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Howdy Neighbor!

By Mike Lavigne, CNA President

This year zipped by! It was a good one for Crestview though. I'm not the sentimental type, but here's a short list of things we as a 'hood can be grateful for:

- We have a more direct relationship with members of City Council than ever.
- Brentwood Park is getting some much needed love from our neighbors.
- CodeNEXT is facing delays due to efforts from us and others to point out the dangers it poses to our city.
- Brentwood Elementary is going to get some money to bring some infrastructure into this century.
- Your neighbors care deeply about this neighborhood and are willing to work and fight for it!
- High voter turnout.

Ryan Drive Tract

There's an article from CM Pool's office in this edition about the roadmap for the Ryan Drive/Austin Energy Tract. This is going to be a challenge. I'm certain she's going to stand with us and support our residents' wishes here, but I'm going to tell you what she can't say: the property at Ryan Drive will never be 100% parkland. Sorry. If I thought there was even a 1% chance of that I'd turn the car around right now, get out and start swinging away.

The good news is that because it is city owned land we have an opportunity to do what couldn't be done in other urban infill projects (Mueller, The Grove, Saltillo Plaza). We (the city) can dictate what happens there in regards to permanent affordability and useable space. We will get some parkland. Maybe even a sizeable portion. Much depends on how much the neighboring landowner and developer decides he wants to play ball.

Much more to come on this. We are putting together an ad-hoc committee to help communicate the community's wishes and work with CM Pool's office.

CodeNEXT Delayed

Last month the city announced the next draft of CodeNEXT would be delayed by 2.5 months. This should bump the timeline for adoption. The reason for delay is what we've been saying. It's not even half-baked. Around the same time the city's Environmental Commission issued a pretty damning assessment of CodeNEXT. The plan is that the new draft will address the sorts of omissions they pointed out. I still think that the citizens of Austin should get to vote on whether or not we think CodeNEXT and the elimination of single-family housing is appropriate. If not a citywide vote, then City Council and the Mayor should have to run for office again before it is enacted.

We don't have the cash and access that the real estate industry has, but we have the votes to boot the bums out!

Happy Holidays and when you are getting gifts, remember to try and buy local!

Mike

Art and the Prickly Pear

By Marilyn Querejazu

In the 1500's the two most valuable resources sent back to Spain from Mexico were silver and a red pigment called cochineal. The red pigment, used to dye textiles by the Aztecs, was produced from the bodies of small insects called Cochinilla (Cochineal). The church, crown, and military of Spain were soon entranced by the blood-red color – a powerful look for robes and uniforms. Painters throughout Europe used the pigment to create carmine, and were enthused by the eye-catching richness that flowed onto their canvases.

Although cochineal dye was later replaced by more durable pigments and dyes, it is still produced in Mexico and other countries. It is used as a natural colorant for foods and cosmetics. In the Mexican state of Oaxaca handmade textiles are still dyed with cochineal dye.

The cochineal insect thrives on the prickly pear cactus (opuntia) and the dye is called "tuna blood" in Mexico - from the Mexican name for the opuntia fruit. Cultivation is labor intensive, as the insects must be brushed from the cacti and collected manually. The life cycle of the cochineal insect and the dye making process are as interesting as the insect's role in art history.

A celebration of the contribution this small insect made to art is underway at the Palace of Fine Arts in Mexico City. Seventy works of art by European masters including Velázquez, Zurbarán, Van Dyk, Turner and Van Gogh have been loaned from eleven institutions including the Tate (UK), the Museum d'Orsay (France), the Prado (Spain), and Hammer(USA). The masterpieces illustrate the impact of cochineal pigment on great art. Direct flights from Austin to Mexico City allow exploring this exhibit and the capital's other delights in a long weekend.

You Tube has a wealth of excellent videos about the art exhibit, the cultivation of the insect, and production of the dye (search cochineal art, cochineal dye, cochineal insect).

"Carmine is as warm and lively as wine."

-Vincent Van Gogh

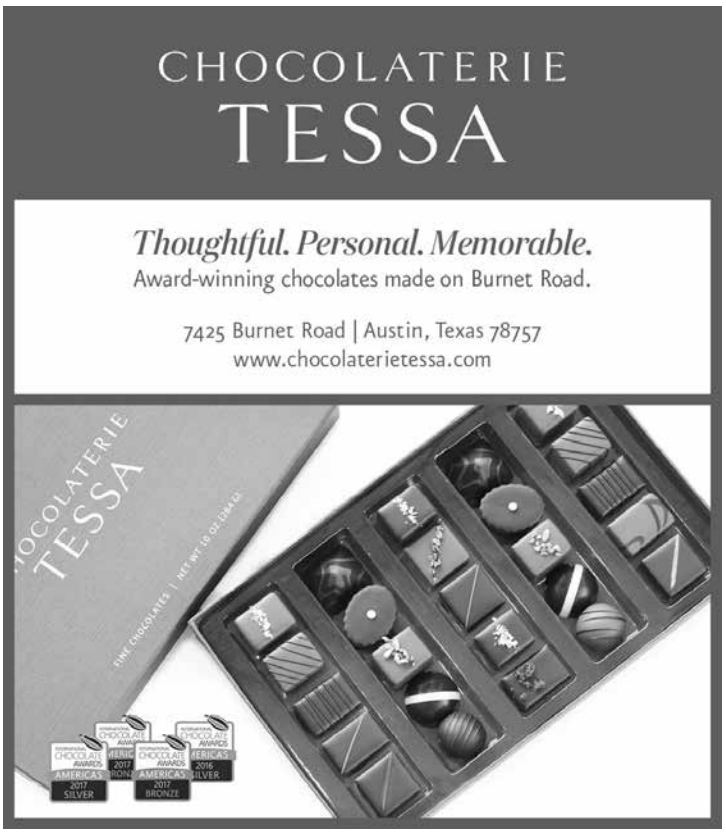
Welcome to the Journey Labyrinth!

By M.S. Jimeson

Journey Imperfect Faith Community, at 7500 Woodrow Avenue, now has a labyrinth that is open for everyone to enjoy. Labyrinths are an ancient meditation tool, with many kinds of layouts and models. Our labyrinth is based on a Medieval model, but it's not complicated or fancy.

A labyrinth is not a maze or a puzzle to be solved, but a path of meaning to be experienced. Its path has no dead ends. A labyrinth has one entrance — one way in and one way out. When we walk the path, sometimes we are out on the edge, sometimes we circle around the center. The purpose of the labyrinth is to go inward, into silence, and to feel our inner journey reflected in our bodies.

We welcome everyone to come and walk our labyrinth!



Austin PD Crime Search Report for October 2017

Crime	Street	Date	Time
Abandoned Vehicle	73XX Easy Wind Dr	10/25/17	0:11
Assault Contact-Sexual Nature	71XX Woodrow Ave	10/30/17	19:50
Auto Theft	8XX St Johns Ave	10/8/17	16:04
Auto Theft	72XX Easy Wind Dr	10/11/17	18:47
Auto Theft	72XX Easy Wind Dr	10/21/17	11:19
Burglary Non Residence	2XXX Justin Ln	10/9/17	9:20
Burglary of Residence	76XX Grover Ave	10/31/17	19:20
Burglary of Vehicle	14XX Anderson Ln	10/10/17	14:27
Burglary of Vehicle	71XX Lamar Blvd	10/13/17	19:28
Burglary of Vehicle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	10/18/17	14:42
Crash/Leaving the Scene	7XXX Lamar Blvd	10/11/17	0:55
Criminal Mischief	19XX Cullen Ave	10/6/17	1:00
Criminal Mischief	77XX Gault St	10/13/17	14:12
Criminal Mischief	17XX Princeton Ave	10/23/17	9:01
Criminal Mischief	7XXX Easy Wind Dr	10/27/17	12:43
Deadly Conduct	9XX Taulbee Ln	10/28/17	4:06
DWI	74XX Lamar Blvd	10/1/17	22:14
Theft	69XX Ryan Dr	10/25/17	12:50
Theft of License Plate	72XX Easy Wind Dr	10/23/17	14:22

December Safety Tip

Many people do a majority of their holiday shopping online these days. Protect your identity and account numbers by making sure you are on a secure Internet connection when shopping by looking for the padlock in the address bar that starts with "https" instead of "http". The "s" stands for secure and means it is a reputable website and not a clone designed to steal your information.

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